

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR PINT PO  
SUBJECT: MORE ON AZORES INCIDENTS

REF: LISBON 3928 (DTG 171723Z MAY 77)

SUMMARY: THE PS, CDS, AND PCP ON MAY 17 SUPPORTED THE  
PRESIDENT'S POSITION ON AZOREAN SEPARATISM. THE PSD  
REMAINS IN EMBARRASSED ISOLATION. END SUMMARY.

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1. PS AND PSD CLASH IN ASSEMBLY: SOCIALIST AND SOCIAL  
DEMOCRATIS PARTY LEADERS MADE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
SPEECHES MAY 17 OFFERING SHARPLY DIFFERING VIEWS OF THE  
RECENT INCIDENTS INVOLVING AZOREAN SEPARATISTS  
(REFTEL). HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED:  
-- GAMA PROPOSES AZOREAN PLATFORM: PS SPOKESMAN JAIME  
GAMA CONDEMNED THE "INACTION AND AMBIGUITY OF THE AZOREAN

REGIONAL GOVERNMENT TOWARD SEPARATISM AND VIOLENCE."  
HE ACCUSED THE PSD OF ENCOURAGING THE VIEW THAT  
THE LISBON AND THE AZORES HAVE A COLONIAL RELATIONSHIP.  
GAMA FAULTED THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS FOR NOT SUPPORTING  
THE PRESIDENT AND PROPOSED TO THE PSD A "NATIONAL  
PLATFORM OF UNDERSTANDING" WITH REGARD TO THE AZORES.  
-- SA CARNEIRO REJECTS PROPOSAL: PSD PRESIDENT SA  
CARNEIRO, CONDEMNED SEPARATISM, BUT REJECTED  
THE PS PROPOSAL. SA CARNEIRO POINTEDLY NOTED THAT THE  
PS "HAS REPEATEDLY REJECTED PSD PROPOSALS FOR A  
PLATFORM OF UNDERSTANDING TO CONFRONT THE GRAVE NATIONAL  
CRISIS." SA CARNEIRO ALSO ATTACKED "MANEUVERS"  
INTENDING TO PIT THE PSD AGAINST THE PRESIDENT.

2. CDS AND PCP LINE UP WITH PRESIDENT: THE CDS AND  
PCP MAY 17 SOUGHT TO IDENTIFY THEIR PARTIES WITH THE  
PRESIDENT'S POSITION ON AZOREAN SEPARTISM.  
-- CDS PRESIDENT FREITAS DO AMARAL FOLLOWING A MEETING  
WITH THE PRESIDENT, TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE CDS GIVES ITS  
TOTAL SUPPORT  
TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE NATIONAL UNITY HE REPRESENTS.  
"THE CDS," HE SAID, "WILL OPPOSE ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE  
AND SEPARATISM."  
-- THE PCP ISSUED A STATEMENT  
CONDEMNING THE "PSD-CONTROLLED REGIONAL GOVERNMENT  
FOR ITS INVOLVEMENT, SPONSORSHIP, AND COVER-UP OF  
SEPARATIST AND TERRORIST ACTIVITIES." THE PCP CITED  
THE FIRM POSITION TAKEN BY THE PRESIDENT AND ATTACKED  
THE "EFFORTS OF REACTIONARY FORCES TO UNDERMINE POPULAR  
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CONFIDENCE IN THE DEMOCRATIC REGIME."

3. COMMENT: THE PS, CDS, AND PCP HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE  
OF THE AZOREAN INCIDENT TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WITH  
THE PRESIDENT. THE PSD REMAINS IN EMBARRASSED ISOLATION.  
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